

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0412

Springfield

12605 Dulaney Valley Road

Baltimore, Baltimore County

1800 ca.

Private

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Constructed circa 1800, Springfield is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling. The five-bay-wide random rubble stone building has been parged with stucco. The second story is clad in weatherboard. Circa 1930, a one-and-a-half-story Colonial Revival style random rubble stone wing with a porte cochere hyphen terminating in a three-bay-wide garage with a cupola was added to the façade. The side gable roof of the main block and the gable roofs of the various wings are clad in slate tiles. Three interior end chimneys of rebuilt stretcher bond brick construction rise from the main block and the wing. A six-paneled single-leaf wood door centrally pierces the façade, or north elevation, of the main block with leaded sidelights over paneled dado. A one-story, one-bay-square entrance portico shelters the entry with a flat roof supported by wood Tuscan columns. Directly above the portico, the central bay of the second story features one tripartite Palladian window composed of a central round-arched 9/6 window with 2/2 sidelights and a molded Federal style round-arched hood. Four 9/9 windows pierce the outer bays of the first story, while four 9/6 windows flank the Palladian window on the second story. Also located on the property is a circa 1900 well with a random rubble stone curb supporting a wood frame structural system surmounted by a hexagonal, hipped roof clad in wood shingles. Built into the hillside to the south of the house is a one-story, one-bay-square outbuilding of random rubble stone construction with a chimney. The building's use could not be determined at the time of the survey.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0412

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Springfield

2. Location

street and number 12605 Dulaney Valley Road

not for publication

city, town Phoenix

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bernard M. and Rose E. Willemain

street and number 12605 Dulaney Valley Road

telephone Not Available

city, town Phoenix

state MD

zip code 21131

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 2841 folio 421

city, town Towson

tax map 53

tax parcel 117

tax ID number 1123053270

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1800, Springfield is a two-and-a-half-story Federal style dwelling. The five-bay-wide random rubble stone building has been parged with stucco. The second story is clad in weatherboard. Exterior architectural analysis suggests that the one-and-a-half-story random rubble stone wing may pre-date the main block, but this has not been confirmed. Circa 1930, a one-and-a-half-story Colonial Revival style random rubble stone wing with a porte cochere hyphen terminating in a three-bay-wide garage with a cupola was added to the façade.¹ The side gable roof of the main block and the gable roofs of the various wings are clad in slate tiles. Three interior end chimneys of rebuilt stretcher bond brick construction rise from the main block and the wing. A six-paneled single-leaf wood door centrally pierces the façade, or north elevation, of the main block with leaded sidelights over paneled dado. A one-story, one-bay-square entrance portico shelters the entry with a flat roof supported by wood Tuscan columns. Directly above the portico, the central bay of the second story features one tripartite Palladian window composed of a central round-arched 9/6 window with 2/2 sidelights and a molded Federal style round-arched hood. Four 9/9 windows pierce the outer bays of the first story, while four 9/6 windows flank the Palladian window on the second story.

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Built into the hillside to the south of the house is a one-story, one-bay-square outbuilding of random rubble stone construction with a chimney. The building's use could not be determined at the time of the survey.

¹ See Glen Oak (BA-2367) and the Sherwood House (BA-2628) for similar garage/main block footprints.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1800 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1800 ca., 1935 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Constructed circa 1800, Springfield is an excellent example of high style Federal style dwellings. The house is well representative through its form and ornament of the type of house built throughout Baltimore County in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Although it is currently unknown whether the house was constructed by the Pearce family, this possibility is likely, for it was occupied by members of the family from 1850 until at least 1915. Indeed, since their settlement in the area now comprising the city of Towson, the Pearce family had maintained significant land holdings that included the original survey of "Molly's Industry."² The 1850 county atlas confirms the extensive holdings of the family, for it shows several agricultural properties occupied by the Pearces. One of these properties is the circa 1800 Springfield.³ Springfield remained in the possession of the Pearce family through the late 19th century, as is indicated by the 1877 atlas, which shows the building occupied by William Pearce.⁴ Throughout this mid- to late 19th century period, the land surrounding Springfield remained rural in character. By 1877, local family names in addition to Pearce included Matthews, Dance, Trimble, Trapp, and Mumma. Occupied in the early 20th century by Thomas Pearce, the house experience alterations that resulted in the construction of a three-bay-wide garage that was attached to the main block of the house by the construction of a porte cochere hyphen. The resulting form of the building appears to be related to two dwellings designed by the architectural firm of Palmer and Lambdin in the first half of the 1900s.⁵ The area retained its rural character through the early and late 20th century. The only significant change to the landscape has been the early 20th century creation of the nearby Loch Raven Reservoir, an important source of water for the City of Baltimore.

² Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 52.

³ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁴ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁵ See Glen Oak (BA-2367) and the Sherwood House (BA-2628).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County.* Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.
Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.
Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men.* Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Towson Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1800, Springfield has been associated with the 5.26 acres known as tax parcel 117 of map 53, located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 8, 2001
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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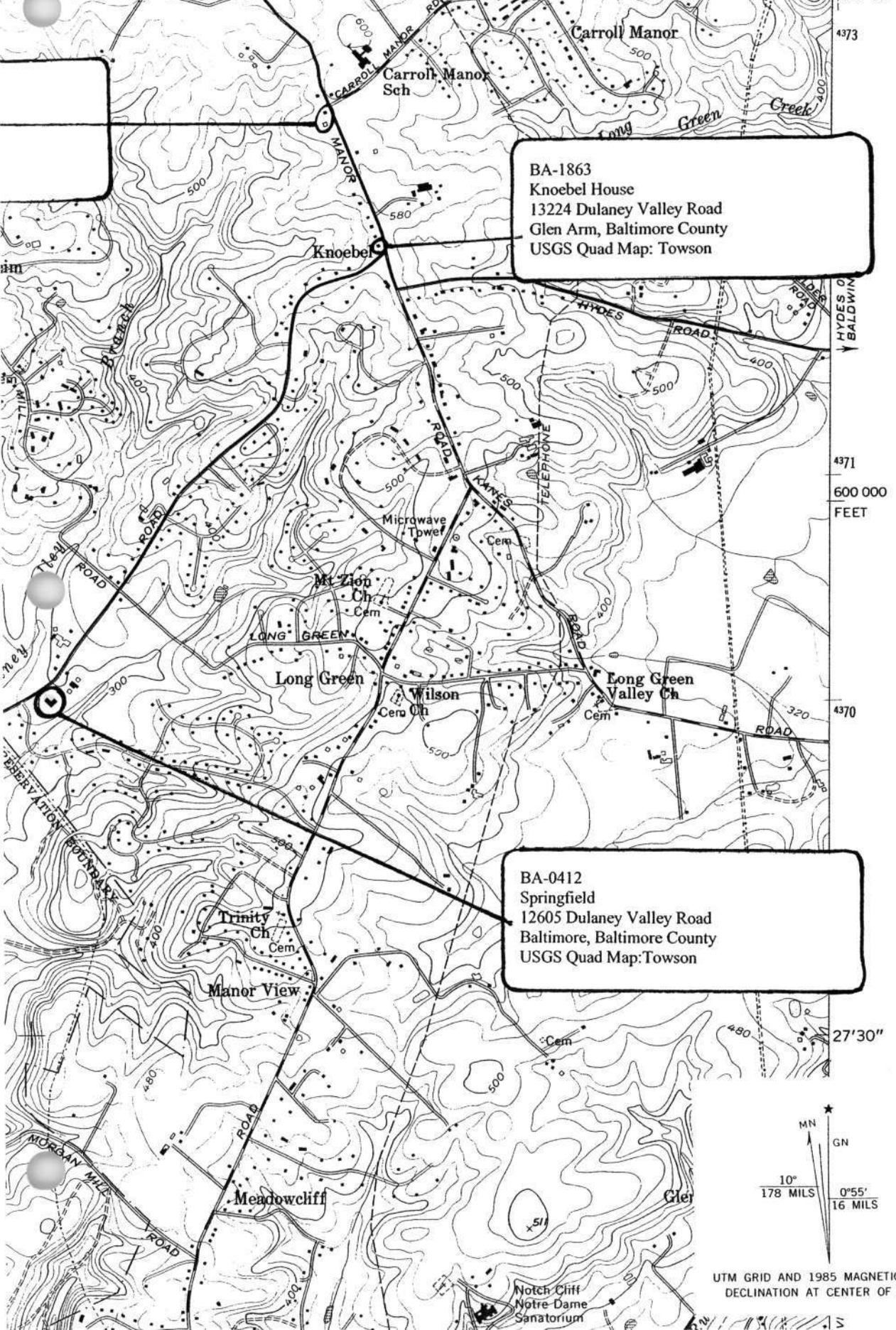
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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TOWSON QUADRANGLE
 MARYLAND-BALTIMORE CO.
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 NE/4 BALTIMORE 15' QUADRANGLE

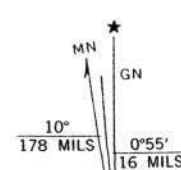
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 (JARRETSVILLE)

32°30" 368 MANOR 4.7 MI. SWEET AIR (JUNC. MD. 145) 1 MI. 370 940 000 FEET 76°30' 39°30'



BA-1863
 Knoebel House
 13224 Dulany Valley Road
 Glen Arm, Baltimore County
 USGS Quad Map: Towson

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 Springfield
 12605 Dulany Valley Road
 Baltimore, Baltimore County
 USGS Quad Map: Towson



UTM GRID AND 1985 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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12605 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD
LONGBLEEN
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
TRAILERES
3/2001
MD- SHPO
SW ELEVATION



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LONG GREEN

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERES

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LONG GREEN

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LONG GLEN

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TRAILER LIES

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OUTBUILDING

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12605 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD

LONG GREEN

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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WELL

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SPRINGFIELD - Before 1850 - (East side of) 12605 Dulaney Valley Road, 0.4 mile south of Dance Mill Road. The Pearce house was shown in the 1850 map and 1877 atlas. Large, stone, stucco-covered house in vernacular style with gable roofing; recessed porch on south. Not found in 1798 tax list.